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REPRESENTATIVE URBAN TO ADDRESS NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CONNECTICUT'S RESULTS BASED ACCOUNTABILITY INITIATIVE



On Friday, June 23, State Representative Diana Urban, R-North Stonington, will address a national conference of state legislators on Results Based Accountability (RBA). The conference, conducted by the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), National Governor's Association Center for Best Practices and Forum for Youth Investment will be held in Portland, Oregon.

Rep. Urban is one of the General Assembly's chief proponents of RBA, which is a method of budgeting that focuses on results by emphasizing accountability and transparency. She was appointed co-chair of the Legislature's RBA Work Group. The group recently completed a Pilot Project utilizing input from several state agencies and issues that proved that this innovative technique can successfully be incorporated into our state's budget process. In fact, Connecticut has been recognized nationally as a leading state in this movement and the work group is now moving forward to expand the use of RBA in our state.

At Friday's conference, Rep. Urban will detail how states are using outcome measures and other indicators to assess programs that impact youths.

"I am thrilled to be invited to talk to the youth initiatives, as I am a firm believer that our future lies with our youth," said Rep. Urban. "Sharing our innovations gives them the opportunity to see how policy happens and the ways legislators and budget methods impact the final programs that are funded by the States."

Rep. Urban just returned from the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University, where she was Faculty in Residence at the Center for American Women and Politics and the New Education for Women's (NEW) Leadership Program. This program brings together 35 young women for an intensive experience in linking the study of politics with its day to day practice.

"This was just an amazing experience and I felt that I gained as much as I gave to these talented young women," said Rep. Urban. "It was wonderful to be able to share my passion on the issues of the Environment, microenterprise, health care, results

based budgets, and the cycle of violence with the generation that will be responsible for continuing to bring those issues forward.”